

REMARKS

Claims 18-47 are currently pending in the application and are subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention as set forth in claims 18-24 and 33-39, illustrated in FIGs. 3 and 4.

Claims 18-24 and 33-39 read upon the species of FIGs. 3 and 4.

As acknowledged by the Examiner, claim 18 is generic to claim 33. Therefore, upon allowance of claims 18 and 19-24, which depend therefrom, claims 33-39 would also be allowable.

Claims 19-23 and 33-38 have been amended to more positively recite method limitations.

Claims 25-32 and 40-47 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of one or more divisional application(s) on the subject matter of these claims.

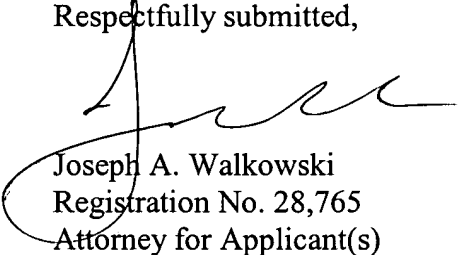
Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on August 9, 2004, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

Applicants respectfully request an early office action on the merits of claims 18-24 and 33-39.

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